

Garland Police News Release

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Stepped up DWI Enforcement Labor Day Holiday

Garland Police will step up Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) patrols starting Friday, August 20 through Monday, September 6, 2021.

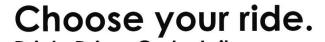
The increased DWI patrols are for the Impaired Driver Mobilization (IDM) project. The project is funded through a TXDOT grant program that targets DWI and Driving Under the Influence by Minors. The patrols will be active in the nighttime hours by utilizing both marked and unmarked police cars.

Officers will apply for blood search warrants for those drivers who refuse to consent to give a specimen of their breath or blood when arrested for DWI-related offenses.

Convicted first-time DWI offenders can pay a fine of up to \$2,000, lose their driver's license for up to a year, and serve up to 180 days in jail. In addition, these offenders could face state fines of \$3000 to \$6000 upon sentencing.

Offenders could also be fined up to \$10,000 and charged with child endangerment if they drive drunk with a child passenger.

In 2020, TxDOT reported 1,860 motor vehicle crashes with minor to fatal injuries, where the driver was under the influence in Dallas County. Let's do our part and drive smart!





Designate a Driver or the Police will provide one for you.

PLEASE DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE